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THE MAN REUNITED WITH THE DOLL HE WAS SEPARATED OFF IN THIS TOWN... HER NAME WAS ANNA, AND WE STARTED LIVING TOGETHER——
BELLMOND
THE BREATH OF ALCHEMY IS LEFT IN THIS TOWN
THE ANCIENT CITY BELLMOND IS THE WORLD'S PIONEER IN PRODUCING DOLLS
THE DOLLS THAT DANCE IN THE TOWN
MANY TOURISTS FROM MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD GO THERE TO WATCH THEM
HOWEVER

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CURTAIN
PEOPLE ARE NOT AWARE OF THE "BEASTS" THAT DWELL IN THE DARKNESS.

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UGH THAT HURT...
WHY DO YOU SAY THAT IT HURTS?
HUH?
LAST NIGHT I KILLED A DOLL AND SAVED ONE MAN'S LIFE.
I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING.
WHO IN THE WORLD WAS HE? WHY WAS HE ATTACKED? WHY DID I GET INVOLVED?

AH, HELLO BROTHER.
BUT THAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF EVERYTHING
I'M JIRU. I APPRECIATE YOUR HELP.
I WAS ALMOST A GONER
IT'S TERRIBLE THAT DOLLS DO THIEVERY LATELY.
GO!
DO YOU WANT TO BE EATEN?!

DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY THE DOLL ATTACKED?
THEY KNOW ABOUT YOUR IDENTITY.
YOUR LIFE WILL BE TARGETED AGAIN.
TAXI
WON'T YOU HELP ME? WE HAVE A REASON TO FIGHT TOGETHER.
GO AWAY!
DON'T THINK I FEEL GRATEFUL TO YOU BECAUSE YOU SAVED ME!

IT'S BECOME HOT.
... YOU COWARD!
GIVE ME A BREAK ALREADY ..
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU REFUSE, IT'S FUTILE.
I'LL DEFINITELY MAKE YOU HELP ME.
HAHA
HA
HA
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A VAMPIRE, HUH?
YOU ALONE ARE A BIG PAIN IN MY ASS,
AND NOW I HAVE ANOTHER WEIRDO TO DEAL WITH
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I DIDN'T BRING IT ALONG BECAUSE I WANTED TO.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO KILL IT, DO IT ALONE.
HOWEVER
DO NOT INJURE IT!

WHAT ARE YOU BLABBERING?
IT'S JUST AN AUTOMAT.
I'LL DISMANTLE IT.
W-W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY JUST?! JUST...
!!
AUTOMAT!
WHERE DO YOU SAY I HAVE SHORTCOMINGS?!
...NO SENSE FOR MUSIC.
SINGING!
DANCING...
...LIKE THIS!
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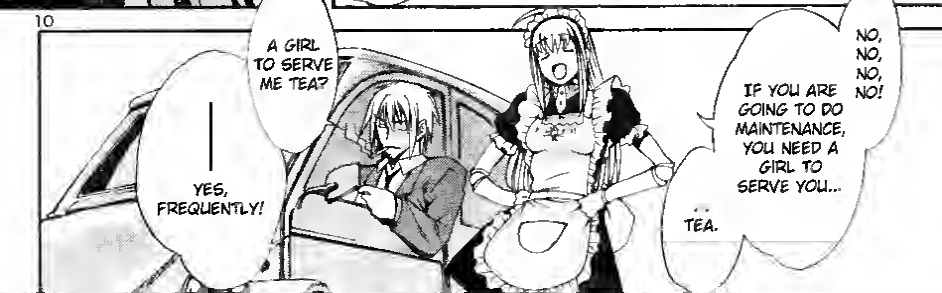
GOOD GRIEF.
DANG
W W W WHAT WAS THAT?!
YOU HIT MY ABSOLUTE WEAK POINT.

I'M OFF TO WORK.
M-M-ME TOO!
WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TODAY?
MAINTENANCE OF THE BELFRY. CHECK THE CARILLON.
ALONE?


NO, NO, NO, NO!
IF YOU ARE GOING TO DO MAINTENANCE, YOU NEED A GIRL TO SERVE YOU...
... TEA.
A GIRL TO SERVE ME TEA?
YES, FREQUENTLY!

YEAH, YEAH.
MASTER, PLEASE DO YOUR BEST AT WORK.

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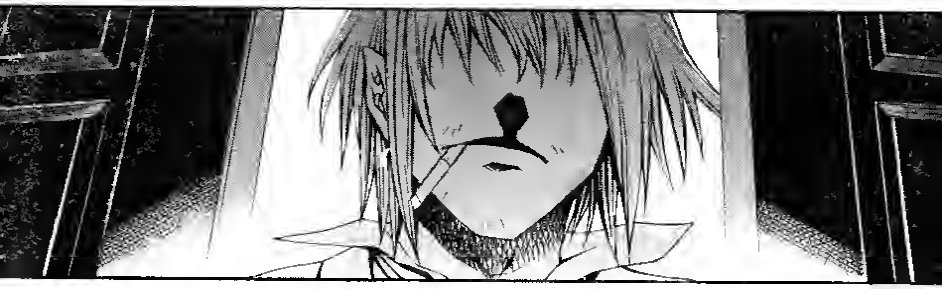
TAXI
...STILL NOTHING.
NO, NO!
HOW TERRRIII-BBBLLLE!

A BIG LOSS! THIS IS A BIG LOSS OF PROFITS!
SOMEONE... SOMEONE!
DID ANYONE KNOW MATTHEUS?!
MATTHEUS... MATTHEUS DISAPPEARED!
VANISHED... JUST LIKE A SHADOW!
MATTHEUS ?
WHO THE HELL IS THAT?

WOAH!
MATTHEUS IS...
WELCOME. THANKS FOR COMING.
IF YOU COULD JUST SEE HIS UGLY FACE...
...YOU WOULD NEVER FORGET IT AGAIN!
A MEMBER OF MY DOLL CIRCUS TROUPE, "CIRCENSES".
THE UNPARALLELED GROTESQUE GIANT!!
DOOOO YOU KNOW WHERE MATTHEUS IS?

B-BEATS ME
NO CLUE

AH, HOW USELESS YOU ARE!
COMPLETELY USELESS!
LINARIA
LINARIA, COME HERE!
W-WEIRDO ...
!!
HUH?
ANNA !!



I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, ROMEO.

MA-
MASTER!
...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO DO THIS BUT...

I WANTED TO HEAR YOU BEGGING.

AH!
AAAH!
STOP IT!
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HUUGH ...
WILL YOU FIGHT TOGETHER WITH ME?

AGAINST THAT ABOMINABLE MONSTER!

VATICAN'S DOLL SQUADRON CREATED IN ORDER TO HUNT DOWN THE DEMONS.
MY PARTNER'S ENEMY.
AND TO YOU
!
I DID A LITTLE BACK-GROUND CHECK.
THE ENEMY OF YOUR FAMILY AS WELL.

YOU WERE THE ASSASSIN OF ORIMA ROSSA.

AHAA
AH!
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO SLAUGHTER YOUR COMRADES?
BUT... THAT ORGANISATION DOESN'T EXIST ANYMORE.
PLEASE STOP IT!
FU-
NO ...

DAMN!
SHE'S AN ANTIQUE DOLL AND IF YOU TAKE OUT THE CYLINDER, SHE'LL BREAK.
IT WON'T "PLAY".

WILL YOU COOPERATE WITH ME NOW?
HUH?
WHAT?!
THIS IS
THE SILVER

OOOOOO
OOOOO
!!
SHIT
...

UGH!
UHH... DAMN YOU.
I'LL PITY YOU...
パラ
パラ

BUT I WON'T HELP YOU.
WHO WOULD HELP TRASH LIKE YOU...
...IN THIS WORLD?!
THESE ARE SOME BIG WORDS, FROM A MAN WHO DESERTED HIS COMRADES.
SHUT UP!!

IT'S BECOME HOT HERE.

WHAT
?!

YOU GO TOO EASY ON YOUR OPPONENT!
MASTER!
ARE YOU STILL GOING TO DEFY ME?

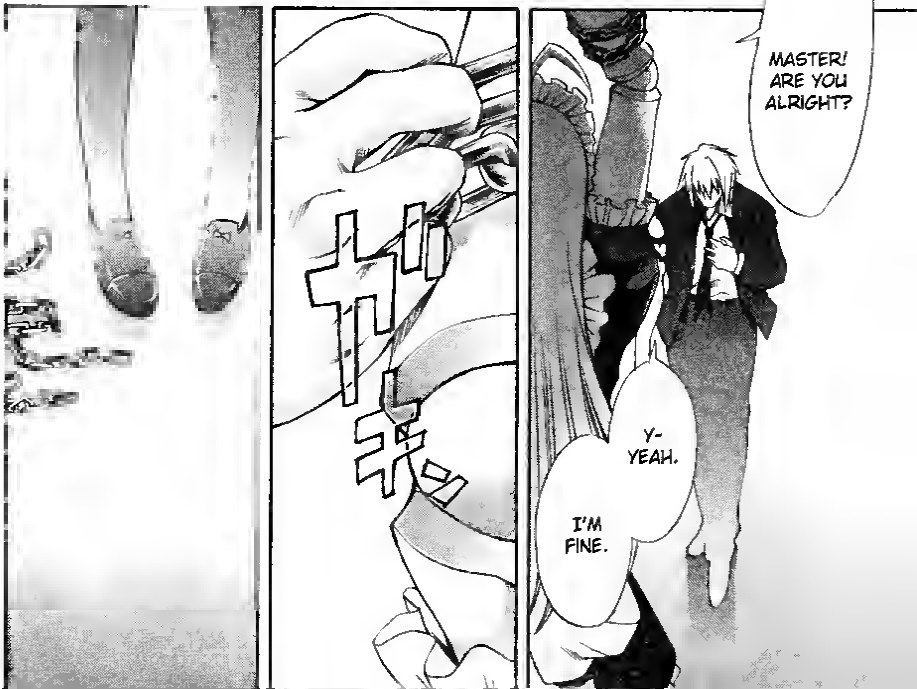
NO WAY!
MAS... TER...
IF YOU'RE GOING TO HONOUR YOUR OPPONENT...
THEN I'LL DO IT TOO!
WHA ?!
MASTER !!

THERE ARE THINGS THAT DON'T DISAPPEAR.
I FINALLY SAW IT.
GAH ... SHIT!
DID YOU FORGET YOUR HUMAN PRIDE?!
A-ARE YOU REALLY SURE ABOUT THAT?!
BUT ...
I DECIDE WHAT TO EXCHANGE IT WITH.
YES, I FORGOT.
I'LL MAKE YOU FORGET IT, TOO.

I'LL PROTECT HER...
FROM HIM!!
MAS...TER.

UGH ...
HAA ...
HAA-
HAA-

GUAH ...


MASTER! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
Y- YEAH.
I'M FINE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
IF YOU WERE TO DISAPPEAR ...
I WOULD ... I WOULD ...!

...
DON'T CRY.
I-I'M SORRY. I CAN'T STOP MY TEARS.
MY CYLINDER MIGHT GET DAMAGED
GEEZ.
WE'RE GOING HOME.
THE END OF THE CHEAP PLAY! HER TEARS BROUGHT FORTH A MIRACLE.
HE'S SPLENDID!
THANKS TO HIM THE WORLD WILL BE SAVED! THE DEAD MAN WILL COME BACK TO LIFE!
THAT'S THE STORY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STORY.
NOW THEN, I WONDER, WASN'T THIS THE WORLD IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STORY?
TO BE CONTINUED...
NEXT TIME, THE STAR OF THE CIRCUS, LINARIA APPEARS!